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INDUSTRIAL PARK

Cleanup progress to be aired

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Federal officials will report on the cleanup of Hamilton Industrial Park at a public meeting at Borough Hall from 4 to 7 p.m. today.

The informal meeting has been scheduled to answer residents' questions about potential health hazards at the Hamilton Boulevard site, where high levels of lead, cadmium and polychlorinated biphenyls — PCBs — have been found.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD

The site, which is traversed by the Bound Brook, has been targeted by the Environmental Protection Agency for cleanup under the Superfund program.

EPA spokesman Rich Cahill said residents will be able to meet one-on-one with officials from the environmental agency as well as from the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Diseases Registry.

"People who are hesitant to ask questions in a public forum can get individual attention," Cahill said.

Cahill said the agency has approved plans submitted by current site owner, D.S.C. of Newark Enterprises, for paving a contaminated dirt roadway, putting fences around known areas of contamination and instituting engineering controls to prevent tainted runoff from leaving the property.

The work tentatively is slated to begin July 7, pending borough approval, Cahill said.

In the meantime, the EPA began environmental testing this week to determine the scope of contamination on and off the property, according to site coordinator Eric Wilson.

Wilson said the EPA is testing seven sites along the waterway to determine if hazardous materials have traveled downstream to the New Market Pond in nearby Piscataway.